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THE INDEPENDENT

Published Every Thursday.

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTG. CO., PA.

E. S. MOSER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1906.

THERE are no fewer than five bills now before the Austrian Parliament looking toward universal suffrage.

FIVE people were killed by a terrific cyclone which devastated Meridian, Miss., Friday afternoon. Fire added to the horror of the situation.

HERE'S the best wishes of the editor of the INDEPENDENT in behalf of editor Spatz of Boyertown, who is now a full-fledged candidate for Congressional honors in the Berks-Lehigh district.

THE Democratic Councilmen of Pottstown evidently possess at least the average amount of human nature. Being in the majority they took good care, in distributing official favors, not to give a single Republican a plum.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has transmitted to Congress a message emphatically calling for an appropriation for further coast defense. No sum of money is mentioned in the message, but the report of the Defense Board says that \$50,879,399 is needed to complete the defense planned.

IN Milwaukee a woman has begun suit for \$750,000 because her husband was persuaded to leave her. The Cleveland Plain Dealer says that "there are lots of women ready to give expert evidence that there never was a husband worth that much money."

The Sugar Trust and the Tobacco Trust have evidently not lost their grip on the United States Senate, while the Beef Trust and the Leather Trust remain secure in their monopoly, notwithstanding the demand of the country for untaxed hides. Great are the Trusts!

THE ship subsidy scheme and the Dingley tariff appear to be relatively incongruous. The one provides that the Government shall pay ships to bring goods to this country and the other lays a partially prohibitive tax on imported goods. And the one is about as big a humbug as the other, in so far as the masses of the people are concerned.

THE Philadelphia Record promulgates a correct opinion, in the course of an editorial with relation to trolley freight-lines, when it says: "The exclusion of trolley lines from the privilege of transporting freight confers no real benefit on the steam roads. Every addition to the facilities of transportation increases traffic; and the steam railroads have always secured their share of new business. Trolley lines would become feeders for the railroads, and would bring them freight which is not hauled now because it is not produced, lack of adequate facilities to bring it to market discouraging its production. Trolley lines would be so many branches that would bring to the steam roads passengers who now travel rarely or not at all."

IN a recent address to the students of Cornell University Andrew Dickson White said: "Simply as a matter of fact, the United States is among all civilized nations of the world a country in which the crime of murder is most frequently committed and least frequently punished. Our record is larger than that of any country in the world, while the number of homicides that are punished by lynching exceeds the number punished by due process of law. The past generation has abolished human slavery. It is for the present to deal with the problems of the future, and among them this problem of crime." And the "most frequently committed and least frequently punished" crime—as well as many other crimes—will continue until the people of the States have police that will take charge of every migrating, suspicious character found at large anywhere, and either get a satisfactory passport, or hold the individual for sufficient identification. The system of policing in this country is abominably weak in comparison with the countries of Europe.

ALL that the women of the United States need to do to secure equal rights with the men is to ask for them. They can have the legislation necessary to secure them this privilege if it is shown that they actually want it. But it would not be a good policy for legislators to force upon the women privileges for which a majority of them had manifested no pronounced desire. The proper thing, therefore, for the female suffrage advocates to do is to interest their own sex in the cause. As soon as this is done the fight will be practically won, but until that time the cause will probably gain but little headway.

The foregoing formed a part of an editorial in a recent issue of the Norristown Herald. The thought of the editor of the Herald appears to be that until a majority of the women of the United States ask for "equal rights with the men," the efforts of the equal suffragists will be futile. This view has popularity in its favor—if nothing more. As to one point, however—the implication that legislators have been asked to force privileges upon women—the Heraldman seems to have special and unique information. If women were permitted to exercise the elective franchise, it would hardly follow that the women who would refuse, for any reason, to vote, would be compelled to practically accept the privilege. Hardly. Men are not forced to exercise the voting franchise, and thousands do not exercise it. It might be worth while for the editor of the Herald to take into account that the many thousand women who desire to vote are not asking for the franchise for the women who DO NOT desire to vote, but for those of the feminine gender who WILL VOTE and take a direct and substantial interest in public affairs just so soon as the opportunity is presented to them. The just demands of the minority should not be thrust aside on account of the indifference of the majority. Until this just request of the minority is fully recognized by the men—the lawmakers—the women of the United States, as non-governmental factors, will continue to be classed with paupers, imbeciles, and idiots. If the editor of the Herald can gain any consolation—argumentative or other—from this consideration, he is welcome to it.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Mar. 1, 1906.

Two remarkable men are engaged in one of the most remarkable struggles that has taken place at the Capitol for years. They are William Nelson Cromwell who executed and even conceived the plan for securing for the United States the work of digging the Panama Canal which has been abandoned by the French, and Senator John T. Morgan who believes that Mr. Cromwell has information on the subject that would change the history and alter the policy of that great undertaking. It is believed that Mr. Cromwell is possessed of many secrets concerning the entire transaction of acquiring the canal territory and of the work and letting of contracts there. Mr. Morgan is determined that these secrets shall be divulged to the Senate. An intense animosity between the men, the beginning of which is not known, but which has been increasing steadily for about two years, makes the interrogation of Mr. Cromwell a witness and his replies to Mr. Morgan who is the questioner, of interest and excitement to all listeners. If Mr. Cromwell were a man of ordinary attainments he would be no match for Senator Morgan, but like the Senator he is a keen lawyer, of broad education and experience and opinion is about equally divided as to which is the better man in argument and repartee. Mr. Cromwell is fifty-two years of age and in the prime of his intellectual and physical powers. Senator Morgan is just thirty years his senior and a sufferer with rheumatism as well as decrepitude. For three days they have met in a struggle which has been watched by some of the brightest men in Congress. Though persistently threatened with thirty days in jail Mr. Cromwell has refused to answer the questions of Senator Morgan as to the nature of his professional services for the Panama Canal Company, declaring that he had no right to reveal professional secrets. At times the questions of the Senator have been insulting but Mr. Cromwell has always been ready for them and his answers have hit the mark unerringly. He has not been unwilling to explain in full the Canal transactions of the United States since the purchase of the Canal and his part in them. He has explained the disposition of the \$40,000,000 paid by the Government to J. P. Morgan and Co. agents for the Canal property and the \$10,000,000 paid to the Panama Republic. He told of the purchase of the Panama Railroad by the United States and of his receiving a salary of \$6,000 a year as counsel and of the \$10,000 payment to J. E. Markel of food contracts but he refused to detail the transactions previous to the purchase of the Panama Canal property by the Government, and the most searching questions of the Alabama Senator have not availed to make the witness reveal anything about that transaction. The outcome of the examination is eagerly anticipated not only by the Inter-Oceanic Canals Committee which has charge of the investigation, but by the public which enjoys a spirited fight regardless of the cause.

Acting on the advice of the President Secretary Taft has issued a general order which includes the President's letter and the farewell speech of Admiral Togo delivered to the United States of Japan at the close of the war with Russia. In his letter the President warns the sailor and soldier against a life of ease and sloth. To make a formidable army or navy, he says, the individual must have the fighting edge and that we must have an adequate army in point of size. "In a great self-governing republic like ours," he continues, "the army and navy can only be as good as the mass of people wish them to be," and "the American officer and enlisted man will not be fit to do his work in the event of war unless in peace he has done the work of preparing for war."

There is likely to be a lively row in the lower house of Congress when the small but thrilling question of the free distribution of seeds comes up once again. Unless the House reverses the action of the Committee on Agriculture there will be no free seeds for distribution next year. The matter was cause for much discussion in the Committee and will no doubt precipitate a row in the House where both sides of the question have champions. The distributions of seeds has been one of the political perquisites of Congressmen and is of incalculable value in a campaign in an agricultural district. Men who represent Districts in which other industries prevail have always been opposed to the seed distribution and for a number of years there has been an effort among them to have it abolished, and whenever the subject comes up in Congress there has been a warm fight between these opposed interests. As a matter of fact the free distribution of seeds is one of the most expensive and most unnecessary of the Government extravaganzas. An enormous appropriation is required each year for this branch of the Agricultural Department and in addition a large sum of money for the buying of the seeds outright which the Department is unable to produce. For many years the Government has been victimized by seed dealers who have sold every variety of inferior

seeds and substitutes for seeds at prices which no private dealer would have tolerated. The benefit derived from the distribution of seeds, even those of good quality and for the purpose of introducing new and useful varieties of vegetables and plants does not in any degree justify the expenditure that the Government makes and which should certainly be discontinued.

In the interest of legislation for more humane transportation of stock, better stock yard facilities and shorter hours on the cars during transportation to prevent starvation and exhaustion, the American Humane Society has directed another appeal to Congress. It asks that live stock trains should be given the right of way over freights and that their speed should be practically doubled. It appears that live stock trains now proceed at about the rate of 250 miles in twenty-four hours while a minimum of eighteen to twenty miles an hour would result in 500 miles a day covered and the suffering of the stock proportionately reduced. Since shippers under the present management of the trains lose from fifty to two hundred pounds on each head of stock in getting it to market it might be assumed that they also would favor the recommendation of the Humane Associations.

CONSUMPTION OF FENCE
The difficulty of obtaining fence posts at reasonable prices has given an impetus scarcely realized to forest planting in the Middle West.

The annual production of fence posts in the regular logging camps of the country, as reported by the last Census, is 8,715,661. How many times greater than this is the annual cut from the home woodlot no figures exist to show; but by taking the total number of farms and their acreage and making a conservative allowance for posts for the fences inclosing each farm it has been estimated that upward of 1,000,000,000 posts are set each year. Such figures are too vast to mean anything. Even the 9,000,000 posts of the Census, a mere drop in the bucket as compared with the unreported production, would, if set 15 feet apart, girdle the earth, or would build a solid pile 55 feet wide, 40 feet high and a mile long.

Durability and at least moderate strength are the desirable qualities for fence posts. The use of species which are not durable is expensive, both on account of the more frequent renewal which is necessary and because repairing is constantly called for. Timber of the required quality is produced in the Middle West by hardy catalpa, black locust and Osage orange.

Several other species, such as white willow, European larch, Russian mulberry and red cedar, are also being grown with good results, but none of them is better fitted to supply fence posts than those first named.

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No. 1.—MURPHY—Jan. 25.—First and final account of Herbert U. Moore, guardian of Oliver Oberholzer, late of Pottstown, dec'd.

No. 2.—OBERHOLZER—Jan. 27.—First and final account of Herbert U. Moore, guardian of Oliver Oberholzer, late of Pottstown, dec'd.

No. 3.—HILTYER—Jan. 27.—First and final account of Clara H. Clair, adm'rix of the estate of Martha C. Hiltyer, dec'd.

No. 4.—WALTON—Feb. 6.—First and final account of Seth T. Walton, adm'r of the estate of Edwin C. Walton, late of Mooreland township, dec'd.

No. 5.—WEST—Feb. 7.—First and final account of James Van Court and the Penn Trust Company, adm'rs of the estate of Mary C. West, late of Whiteland township, dec'd.

No. 6.—OTY—Feb. 7.—First and final account of Ruth Linsen Smith, ex'or of the estate of Elias Oty, late of Mooreland township, dec'd.

No. 7.—BANDAS—Feb. 7.—First and final account of L. Milton Rhoads and Charles Rhoads, adm'rs of the estate of William Rhoads, late of Cheltenham township, dec'd.

No. 8.—LINDERMAN—Feb. 9.—First and final account of Hannah T. Linderman, adm'rix of William H. Linderman, late of Limerick township, dec'd.

No. 9.—ZIMMERMAN—Feb. 10.—First and final account of John Zimmerman, surviving ex'or of the estate of Elmina Zimmerman, dec'd.

No. 10.—WEAVER—Feb. 11.—First and final account of John S. Smith, adm'r of the estate of Mary Q. Weaver, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 11.—GIBBY—Feb. 13.—First and final account of William Large, ex'or of Jane Guest, late of West Pottsgrove, dec'd.

No. 12.—CLOWNEY—Feb. 15.—First and final account of Isaac Ferris, Jr., adm'r of the estate of Catharine Ann Clowney, late of Rockledge, dec'd.

No. 13.—JAMES—Feb. 15.—Third and final account of Joseph Y. James and William G. Foulke, adm'rs of the estate of Daniel James, dec'd.

No. 14.—STONG—Feb. 15.—Second and final account of George F. Stong, surviving ex'or of the estate of Philip Stong, late of Worcester township, dec'd.

No. 15.—ROYER—Feb. 15.—First account of Jacob V. Gotwals and Horace T. Royer, ex'ors of Dr. Lewis Royer, late of Pottstown, dec'd.

No. 16.—GROETSCHE—Feb. 16.—Second and final account of Maria J. Langer (formerly Maria J. Groetsch), ex'or of the estate of Joseph Groetsch, late of Lower Gwynedd township, dec'd.

No. 17.—CRAWFORD—Feb. 16.—First and final account of A. Laura Cleaver, adm'rix of the estate of Chalkley K. Cleaver, late of Whiteland township, dec'd.

No. 18.—STOCKER—Feb. 17.—First and final account of Samuel R. Landis, adm'r

of the estate of George Stockberger, late of Lower Merion, dec'd.

No. 19.—VAVOUBA—Feb. 17.—First and final account of Margaret Vaughan and Montgomery Trust Co., ex'ors of the last will and testament of William Vaughan, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 20.—ELLIOTT—Feb. 17.—Account of James Elliott, Jr., adm'r of the estate of James Elliott, Sr., dec'd.

No. 21.—SHAW—Feb. 17.—First and final account of J. Elliott Shaw, now deceased, trustee for Clara T. Shaw and Sophie Elliott Shaw, under the will of Harvey Shaw, dec'd, as filed by Clara T. Shaw and B. F. McCarter, ex'ors under the will of J. Elliott Shaw, dec'd.

No. 22.—LUKENS—Feb. 17.—Second and partial account of the Norristown Trust Co., trustee under the will of Isaac Lukens, dec'd, filed by reason of the death of Martha L. Shoemaker, one of the beneficiaries.

No. 23.—WHITEMAN—Feb. 17.—Supplemental account of Silas Jones, ex'or of John Whiteman, late of the township of Lower Merion, dec'd, filed by the Norristown Trust Co., attorney in fact for Mary J. Jones, ex'ors of Silas Jones, dec'd.

No. 24.—PROFF—Feb. 17.—First and partial account of Ephraim F. Slough, ex'or of Ann R. Fugh, late of Norristown, dec'd.

No. 25.—BOUNT—Feb. 17.—First and final account of Irv. P. Knappe, ex'or of Sarah Boud, late of Lower Providence township, dec'd.

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Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia, 7:15 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 6:00 p. m. Sunday, 7:15 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 6:00 p. m. For Trenton: 7:45, 11:05 a. m., 3:25, 6:05 p. m. Sundays—8:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m.

Home and Abroad.

—Bluebirds,
—Robins,
—Spring weather,
—Moonlight nights.

—The lady ministrals made a great hit in Fenton's hall, Monday night.
—The case at court of H. Bower vs. M. N. Barndt resulted in a division of the costs.

—L. Himes' recent combination sale at Perkiomen Bridge hotel was an entire success.

—About 3,500,000 people are on the sea, either as passengers or seamen, every day in the year.

—M. P. Anderson, of Black Rock, is doing the State as a feed inspector for the State Agricultural Department.

—Although the dignified man may not know much, he has to be very careful of what little he does know.

—Chicago News.

—The telephone toll between Norristown and Conshohocken has been cut to cents—just half of the former rate.

—A collection of portraits of all the Burgesses of Pottstown from the time the town was incorporated in 1815 is being made.

—While under the influence of chloroform during an examination for an injury she received by falling, Mrs. Julia Shappell died at Orwigsburg.

—By the breaking of the king bolt on a moving van, James Edwards, Camden, N. J., was pitched out and had a foot crushed on a Norristown hill.

—Jacob Freed, an octogenarian shoemaker of Boyertown, has been working at his trade for 60 years, and is at it from early morning until late at night.

—It is impossible to produce a lasting power upon injustice and treachery.—Demosthenes.

—Prevalence of diphtheria has compelled the closing of Hepler's school in Windsor township, Berks county.

—"Some folks," said Uncle Eben, "seems to 'agine dey kin make up foh der own shortcomin's by scoldin' at de children."—Washington Star.

—Conshohocken's outgoing Republican Council, left as an inheritance to the new body a \$25,000 indebtedness, which is \$2000 more than the legal limit.

—Colonel N. M. Ellis, of Phoenixville, who celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday anniversary this week, is the oldest Democratic voter in Chester county.

—Many Chester county farmers are cutting off their hedges close to the ground and then spraying them, to kill the San Jose scale.

—Because his horse was ill, John L. McLean, a rural postman at West Chester, walked over his 15-mile route, carrying the mail, and was but 20 minutes behind time.

Lecture Recital.

Mrs. Jessie Royer Greaves gave a lecture recital—"An Evening with Eugene Field"—in the Spring Garden Institute, Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening of this week. Mrs. Greaves was assisted by Miss Marion Spangler, pianist, and Mr. Ralph Royer, basso.

Must Cancel Engagement.

Rev. H. P. Hagner, recently transferred from the Trappe circuit to Frackville, Pa., (not Hazelton, as announced last week,) is obliged to cancel his engagement to preach in the Ironbridge chapel next Sunday evening, as he is unable to procure a substitute for his appointment at Frackville.

Dead Body of Woman Found.

The remains of Miss Mary E. Williams, aged 33, formerly of Phoenixville, were found Thursday by a farmer at Plymouth Park. Deceased was a trained nurse of Philadelphia, and had been missing from her home in that city. It is thought that while on her way to visit relatives in Norristown Miss Williams, who had been in ill health for some time, left a trolley car during an acute attack of her ailment, and that her death was due to disease and exposure to cold weather.

Doctors Are Puzzled.

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth Meier, of Vancouver, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the throat and congestion of the lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say it saved my life." Cures the worst Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, Tonsillitis, Weak Lungs, Hoarseness, and LaGriffe. Guaranteed at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Big Price for Turkeys.

Thirty cents a pound was the price paid for 420 pounds of turkey purchased for a recent patriotic celebration at Honesdale, Pa.

Awarded \$2243.

A jury of view awarded James U. Bean, of Upper Providence, \$2243 for a strip of about an acre of ground taken by the Reading Railway in laying a third track.

Prof. Hinkle will Preach.

Prof. Wm. J. Hinkle, of the Ursinus College of Theology, will preach in Trinity Reformed church, this borough, next Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Balance for Distribution.

The adjudication of the estate of Joshua B. Lessig, the Pottstown ironmaster, in the Montgomery County Orphans' Court, showed a balance for distribution of nearly \$274,000.

Almost a Hundred.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cline, of Plymouth township, was ninety-seven years old birthday when she was surprised by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, in celebrating her birthday.

Big Order for Flags.

John C. Dettra, of Oaks, has received an order for 40,000 flags, and work in his factory will be kept going on overtime for weeks to come. Mr. Dettra advertises for more sewers, in another column.

Philadelphia Markets.

Wheat, 84; corn, 46; oats, 35; winter, 84; mixed hay, \$12; steers, 41; fat cows, 34; hogs, 24; to 6; lambs, 6 to 7; hogs, 24 to 9c.

Boy Killed by Train.

Willard Barrows, aged about 14 years, was struck by a fast express on the Reading Railway at Ogontz, Saturday afternoon. He was hurled 75 feet and, in an unconscious condition, taken to the Jewish Hospital, where he died an hour later.

Horse Kills Cow.

A number of cows were recently driven into a barnyard on the farm of Albert Beaver, near Bloomsburg, Pa., where there was a horse, and the latter animal was so much irritated by the intrusion that he gave out a snort and a vicious kick in the head, killing it instantly.

Monument to Dog Ordered Removed.

Monday morning Judge Swartz gave an inquiry into the matter of a monument to a dog, which Charles E. Bean removed within 30 days the tombstone he erected over the grave of his dog in the Lutheran cemetery in North Wales. The carcass of the dog was removed some time ago.

Murderer Identified.

Baker Nathan Levy, one of the witnesses of the murder of Benjamin Elkins, of Phoenixville, has positively identified Bill William John, colored, as the slayer of Elkins. Mrs. Elkins has also identified the negro, who claims to be able to prove an alibi.

Explosion of Powder.

The powder house of Kerbaugh & Co., contractors on the Pennsylvania line, near San Harbor, Lancaster county, blew up at 4:30 o'clock Friday morning. One hundred tons of powder exploded. Houses 15 miles away were shaken and many supposed it was an earthquake.

Law Reporter and Library Sold.

At a public sale held in the Norristown Trust Company building, Saturday, the Montgomery County Law Reporter and the law library belonging to F. G. Hobson, deceased, were sold. Attorney A. A. Place was the purchaser of the Reporter for \$2310. The books of the law library were sold at fair prices.

Musical at Skippack.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Reformed church of Skippack will give a musicale next Saturday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Groff, the popular vocalist of Harleysville, and Miss Ella Worrall, recitationist and impersonator, of Norristown, will participate in the program. The coming event fully deserves the presence of a large audience. No admission fee. A silver offering will be taken.

Criminal Court.

March criminal court convened at Norristown, Monday morning, with Judges Swartz and Weand presiding. Four of the grand jurors were excused, and Richard Wilson was chosen foreman. In addition to his usual instruction Judge Swartz made particular reference to the criminality under the law of persons buying junk from minors, thus encouraging juvenile thieving, and to the offense of selling or giving intoxicating liquors to minors by hotel keepers and others. The trial list for the week is not a very large one.

Ladies' Aid Society Meeting.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church, this borough, met Monday evening at Fenton's hall. After the regular business meeting a very entertaining and altogether novel program was presented by the ladies' minstrel troupe, who with songs and hits kept their audience in good humor for nearly an hour. Mrs. Gristick then brought forth her waltz figures, which also excited considerable mirth. Mrs. Fenton invited those present to guess the name of a doll. After much guessing, the right name, which proved to be Janet, was guessed by Miss Faringer. The home of Janet was then taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gristick on Monday evening, April 2. Those who so well performed as minstrels were: Mrs. Chandler, Miss Price—"end men"; Ida Thompson, Harriet, Mrs. G. F. Clamer, Mr. Snyder, Misses Ebert, Mary Custer, Dossa Ebert, Anna Aschenfelder, Will Clamer, Alma Clamer, Rhea Duryea.

A Lively Tussle

with that old enemy of the race, Constipation, often ends in Appendicitis. To avoid all the excruciating agonies of this disease, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They perfectly regulate these organs, without pain or danger. 25c. at Joseph W. Culbert's, the druggist.

Returned from Louisiana.

Our townsman J. C. Landos returned Wednesday evening from Louisiana, where he is interested in a large tract of timber land. He has had shipped to his home here a barrel of pure sugar cane syrup, and he is quite willing that his neighbors shall sample it, free of charge.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The Collegeville W. C. T. U. held its annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. S. Moser. This meeting was also the seventeenth anniversary of the organization. A paper was read by the president, Mrs. Sarah Longstreth, giving an outline of the work accomplished by the Union since it was started. All the old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Road Supervisors on Duty.

The Road Supervisors recently elected under the new law in the various townships met on Monday to take their oaths of office and prepare to discharge their duties, which included the election of road masters, the division of the townships into road districts, the appointment of treasurers, and the levying of road tax not exceeding 10 mills, and in addition a special tax upon every taxable in each township of the sum of one dollar.

Turnpike Company Meeting.

The Perkiomen and Reading Turnpike Company held a meeting Friday at the Shuler House, Pottstown, to arrange for a final meeting of the stockholders on March 30, which date will likely see the final winding up of the company, the history of which dates back nearly years. Those present were: Dr. E. H. Gerhart, of Douglassville; John H. Ego, and D. L. Mauger, of Reading; H. W. Kratz, of Norristown; J. Y. Yocum, of Philadelphia, and Louis C. Lessig, of Pottstown.

Affairs of Hospital for the Insane.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital for the Insane, Friday, Chairman Hackett, of the committee on convalescent home for women, reported that material had been purchased and work would be commenced on this building for which the Legislature appropriated \$50,000. Treasurer Smith reported a balance on hand of \$5800. The expenses for the past month were \$31,006.26, the bills amounting to \$15,822.27. The amount of bills unpaid is \$59,226.

Twenty Dollar Bill Too Much of a Temptation.

A stranger who had been employed for a short time by M. N. Barndt of this borough, was in Vandervell's restaurant Friday evening when a Cuban gave him a twenty-dollar bill to go to a hotel and purchase two bottles of beer. After waiting about twenty minutes for the stranger, the Cuban concluded that he had been robbed. A search for the thief about the lower part of town proved fruitless. Phone messages were sent in all directions to officers to be on the lookout for the man.

Annual Meeting of Sunday School Association.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School Association of Trinity Reformed church, this borough, was held Tuesday evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Adele Miller; vice-president, Wm. E. Benton; Secretary, Wm. E. Benton; Assistant Secretary, Winifred Landess; Treasurer, Howard P. Tyson; Superintendent, Prof. G. L. Omwake; Assistant Superintendent, D. H. Bartman; Female Superintendent, Caroline Paiste; Pianist, Mabel Hobson.

Seriously Burned.

John Vandervell, the watchman at the Main street railway crossing, this borough, narrowly escaped from burning to death about six o'clock Monday evening. He was in the act of fixing the fire in the watch box when he was overcome by dizziness or an attack of vertigo and fell upon the stove. His clothing became ignited and when aid came in response to his cries for help he was found to be seriously burned. He was taken to the hospital, where he is now recovering from his injuries. The unfortunate man was treated by Dr. M. Y. Weber, and later in the evening was removed to Charity Hospital. His condition is reported to be improved.

URSINUS COLLEGE NOTES.

Charles H. Brown, Minersville, Pa., represents Ursinus at the great Missionary Conference at Philadelphia, which is being held at Nashville, Tennessee, under the auspices of the Student Volunteer Movement of America.

At the Zwinglian Freshman Declaration Contest held on Washington's Birthday, the first prize was won by Margaret Yetter Fryling, of Shillington, and the second by William Samuel Long of Weatherly. W. Sherman Kerschner of Mahanoy City received honorable mention.

The Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest will be held in the auditorium of Ursinus College on Friday evening, March 9, at 8 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the College Glee Club and the College Orchestra. The charge for admission will be 25 cents. Seats may be reserved by telephone.

A lecture on the "Study of the History and Literature of the Bible as a Preparation for Life's work" will be delivered in the College Chapel on Wednesday evening, March 14, at 8 o'clock, by the Rev. Dr. McClurkin, pastor of the Shady Side United Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh. This lecture is open to the public. Admission free.

Always Keeps Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in His House.

"We would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is kept on hand continually in our home," says W. W. Kearney, editor of the Independent, Lowry City, Mo. "Just as we have every family should do. When kept at hand ready for instant use, a cold may be checked at the outset and cured in much less time than after it has become settled in the system. This remedy is also without a peer for croup in children, and will prevent the attack when given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even when the croupy cough appears. It was only one done when the remedy is kept at hand. For sale by J. W. Culbert, Collegeville; M. T. Hunsicker, Rahm Station.

Afflicted with Rheumatism.

"I was and am yet afflicted with rheumatism," says Mr. J. C. Bayne, editor of the Herald, Addison, Indian Territory, "but thanks to Chamberlain's Pain Balm, an able man to attend to business. It is the best of humors." If troubled with rheumatism, give this balm a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. One application relieves the pain. For sale by J. W. Culbert, Collegeville; M. T. Hunsicker, Rahm Station.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Esther Fetterolf has been visiting the past two weeks at the home of her son A. D. Fetterolf.

F. P. Faringer, after a long illness, is able to be up and about the house.

Mrs. Kitchen, a guest for some time past at Perkiomen Bridge hotel, has gone to the seashore for a change and recreation. Her friends hope that she will be benefited by her journey to the sea.

S. S. Augree, of this borough, is doing jury service at Norristown, this week.

Arbor Days.

Governor Pennypacker has designated for tree planting throughout the State. There are two days named, so that the time may be adjusted to suitable conditions of climate north and south on higher and lower levels. The Governor says: "Since the seventeenth of January, 1903, the Forestry Reservation Commission has bought 420,726 acres of forest lands. The State now holds in all 753,741 acres of such lands, and this Commission is doing much to preserve and maintain our forests and our streams. It behooves every citizen who cares for the welfare of the Commonwealth to lend assistance and to give encouragement to this important work. The lives of men and of trees are so interwoven that without the other neither can exist."

The concluding meeting of the old Town Council was held Friday evening, when considerable unfinished business was disposed of. Treasurer Allebach presented a full and concise report of money received and disbursed during the year. Dr. Krusen, chairman of the Street Committee, presented specifications for the macadamizing of Fifth avenue, east, and Clerk Rimby presented a report on the property abutting on said street to place curbstones in proper position. If there is no misunderstanding of existing law, the property owners will also be required to bear the additional expense of the curbstones. Council also adopted a motion to macadamize Third avenue, east, when funds become available. A. H. Hendricks, Esq., was present and warmly thanked the members of the Council for honoring him with the appointment of Solicitor.

On Monday evening the new Council was organized by electing Captain H. H. Fetterolf, President; Horace Kimby, Clerk; A. H. Hendricks, Solicitor; Treasurer; A. T. Allebach; Street and Road Commissioner; H. L. Saylor; Surveyor; John H. Dager; Member of Board of Health; L. H. Ingram; Lamp-lighter and pole inspector, Frank Ringler. President Fetterolf announced the following standing committees: Street and Road—Dr. Krusen, H. H. Koons, Wm. F. A. Titus; Finance—W. Undercoffer, Daniel Walt, G. F. Clamer; Lamp and Watch—Clamer, Undercoffer, Krusen. Councilman Clamer, on behalf of Mr. H. L. Saylor, presented Council with a shapely white marble block and a gavel for the use of the President. The gift was much appreciated, and Mr. Clamer was authorized to convey to Mr. Saylor evidence of such appreciation. The new Burgess, F. J. Clamer, was present and made a few pertinent remarks. President Fetterolf, and Messrs. Undercoffer, Clamer, and Dr. Krusen, also did some exclaiming. The Dr. was in a reminiscent mood and his remarks were especially interesting. The affairs of our borough are in good shape, and the efforts of the Councilmen are duly appreciated.

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The children of Albanus Roland are troubled with whooping cough.

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Dr. Brown will move into the building once occupied by Mr. Pollak as a store, Mr. Pollak moving to Phoenixville.

Rev. Mr. Eisenberg, of Mingo, preached for the congregation of Green Tree church, Sunday.

Prof. Charles C. Ellis' mother is dead.

There will be some moving done down this way when spring is fairly on its way.

Cows and horses brought good prices at the market. A dog belonging to Ben C. Davis sold for fifteen dollars. Talking about dogs, there are more dogs to the square foot down here than any place of its size in the country.

This is the season of Lent. Rev. Mr. Ego, rector of Saint Paul's, preached the Ash Wednesday sermon. Services will be held in Saint Paul's Memorial, Oaks, every Friday evening until after Easter.

When the Methodist Episcopal Conference convenes it is a short time after the grass grows fresh and green and the wild flowers are scattered o'er the plain.

Our Governor, who has been much maligned, comes out on top all the time. He is level-headed and has given the State as clear and clean an administration as any former Governor.

The bums' retreat, the Penny R. Station, Port Providence, is still in commission and is not the safest place at any hour of the night, as one of our citizens can attest.

Theodore Smoyer, Jr., was a visitor to Elm Glen, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Campbell and daughter, of Phoenixville, visited Mr. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell, Sunday.

Dr. P. Nichols, who is sojourning at the Valley House, Skipack, visited us Sunday.

It is reported Mrs. Sanderson, of Port Providence, has sold her house and land situated in that village.

That often proves best which was the least done. So we'll stop short for the time. The way the winds blow there'll be a general drying off time, even though there is an effort to have a thirst expeller established here and save the trouble of a trip to Phoenixville for a glass of beer.

Joseph Medill Patterson's socialistic ideas reminds us of the sailor's idea of doing business. He complained things were not divided equally, that the rich were very rich, the poor very poor, and the rich should be made to divide so we could all have money. Who asked what he would do when his share was all spent, divide again, he promptly replied. We have been looking high and low for that thirty-

Jottings From Limerick Square and Vicinity.

Leroy and Karl Holt, of Philadelphia, recently visited Mrs. Jesse Hartzell.

Miss Edna B. Kline was the guest of her friend Mrs. Thomas Gilbert of Norristown, one day last week.

Mrs. W. S. and Lauretta Rogers spent several days with Mrs. Samuel Miller.

Mrs. Jesse Hartzell and her brother Henry are visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Elsie and Walter Schlachter spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents.

Miss Ada Breiningher has returned home from a visit to friends in Reading.

Horace Bartman has moved on Warren Schlachter's farm.

A certain man escorted his wife to Pottstown and while wandering through the streets lost her in the crowd. He returned home, but she was not there. Then he boarded a car and went in search again, and with success it is hoped.

Miss Sarah Pennypacker, of Solwensville, spent a part of last week with Mrs. Dr. Knipe.

Mr. and Mrs. Flankbner, of Royersford, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Drace.

Mrs. Rebecca Haldeman is recuperating.

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